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SUBJECT: EDX: MAHAMED EL MOKTAR OULD BAH

REF: NOUAKCHOTT 0485

SUMMARY: POST NOMINATES OULD BAH, DIRECTOR OF ECOLE NORMALE
SUPERIEUR OF NOUAKCHOTT AS FOREIGN LEADER GRANTEE.

HIGHLY EDUCATED (DOCTORATE UNIVERSITY OF PARIS) AND INFLUENTIAL,
OULD BAH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRAINING OF MAURITANIA'S
TEACHERS. HIS RESPONSIBILITIES HAVE BEEN INCREASED BY PRESIDENT
OULD DADDAH'S INTENTION TO REPLACE ALL FOREIGN TEACHERS WITH
MAURITANIAN CITIZENS. FOUR SUCH TEACHERS HAVE ALREADY
BEEN ACCEPTED FOR A CU SUMMER PROGRAM TO INCREASE THEIR
ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING ABILITY AS WELL AS FAMILIARIZE
THEM WITH THE U.S. IF A BALANCED VIEW OF THE U.S. IS TO BE
PRESENTED TO MAURITANIAN YOUTH THEN SUCH GRANTS TO THEIR
TEACHERS MUST CONTINUE AND BE ENCOURAGED BY THE GIRM LEADER-
SHIP, PARTICULARLY OULD BAH. MR. BAH IS WELL DISPOSED
TOWARD AMERICANS AND IMPRESSED BY THE ADVANCED TECHNIQUES
IN TEACHER TRAINING DEVELOPED IN U.S. GENERAL ORIENTATION
TRAVEL IN U.S. ACCOMPANIED BY VISITS TO TEACHER COLLEGES,
ARAB STUDIES CENTERS AND CONVERSATIONS WITH AMERICAN EDUCATORS
DESIRABLE. BIO DATA USING 12 FAM 407 FORMAT FOLLOWS:

1. OULD BAH, MOHAMED EL MOKTAR

EDUCATION: LICENCE ES LETTRES (LITERATURE ARABE) (BA ARABIC

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LITERATURE) DOCTORAT UNIVERSITE DE PARIS (PHD ARABIC)

DOCTORAT D'ETAT EN PREPARATION (POST DOCTORATE STUDIES)

2. DIRECTOR ECOLE NORMALE SUPERIEURE (TEACHERS COLLEGE)

3. NA

4. MEMBER OF A GIRM DELEGATION TO UN IN N.Y. AND HAS TRAVELED
IN NORTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST.

5. ESCORT INTERPRETER NECESSARY

6. FLUENT IN FRENCH AND ARABIC

7. MARRIED WITH 5 CHILDREN

8. U.S. TEACHER EDUCATION

9. MINISTRY OF NATIONAL EDUCATION, NOUAKCHOTT, MAURITANIA

10. PRACTICING MUSLIM: NO PORK, NO ALCOHOL.

GRANTEE PREPARED TRAVEL FOLLOWING END OF SCHOOL YEAR CIRCA
JULY 8. CANDIDATE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR A PERIOD OF UP TO
SIX WEEKS BUT HAS BUSINESS OBLIGATIONS IN MOROCCO AUGUST 20.
OULD BAH IS LISTED AS ALTERNATE CANDIDATE IN REFTEL BUT POST
BELIEVES SUMMER OFFERS IDEAL TIMING TO SEND THIS EXCELLENT
CANDIDATE TO U.S.MURPHY

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